

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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Tomotaka Hashimoto et al.)	Group Art Unit: 1797
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Application No.: 10/561,182)	Examiner: Sun U. Kim
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Filed: December 16, 2005)	
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For: Membrane Cartridge, Membrane)	Confirmation No.: 1709
Separating Device, and Membrane)	
Separating Method)	

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

**REPLY FILED CONCURRENTLY WITH
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**

Reconsideration of this application is requested in view of this amendment which constitutes the submission associated with the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) being filed concurrently herewith. A request for a one month extension of time and appropriate fee also are being filed concurrently.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper and begin at page 2.

Remarks/Arguments follow the amendment sections of this paper and begin at page 5.